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1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF FONMIN SODER
ON SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA JULY 27. SODER
STATEMENT DATED JULY 28.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: "THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE SECURITY
COUNCIL'S DECISION TO APPROVE THE PLAN FOR NAMIBIA'S
TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE AS WORKED OUT BY THE FIVE WESTERN
POWERS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND IN CONSULTATION WITH
SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA. THEREBY THE PROCEDURE HAS
FINALLY BEEN STARTED WHICH IS INTENDED TO LEAD TO A
FREE AND INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA.

"THE GOAL HAS BEEN SET THAT NAMIBIA IS TO BE INDEPENDENT NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR FROM NOW, AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY WILL THEREBY CEASE.

"IN RESPONSE TO AN INFORMAL REQUEST FROM THE UN SWEDEN HAS DECLARED THAT IT IS PREPARED TO MAKE A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION IN ASSISTING THE UN DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. THE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION MIGHT INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY SWEDISH POLICE AND OTHER CIVILIAN PERSONNEL --IN ORDER TO SUPERVISE THE ELECTIONS THAT ARE TO TAKE PLACE, AMONG OTHER THINGS. WE ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITIES FOR THE COOPERATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

"AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE UN TO SWEDEN CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSAL ON HOW THE PLAN IS TO BE CARRIED OUT. SUCH A DECISION CAN BE MADE IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

"THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY GIVEN AID CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NAMIBIA. WE ARE OF COURSE PREPARED TO FULFILL THIS ACTIVITY AND IN ADDITION TO THIS WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO GIVE DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE COUNTRY." END TEXT.

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3. PRESS ON JULY 28 ALSO REPORTED VIEW OF MIN DEF KRONMARK THAT SWEDEN UNABLE TO SEND MILITARY BATTALION TO NAMIBIA. HE SAID ALTERNATIVES WOULD INCLUDE MOVING A BATTALION FROM EITHER MIDDLE EAST OR CYPRUS TO NAMIBIA OR SENDING MILITARY OBSERVERS ONLY TO NAMIBIA FROM SWEDEN.

4. SEPTTEL DESCRIBES MEETING JULY 31 BETWEEN MFA ACTING POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR JAN AF SILLEN AND EMBOFFS RE NAMIBIA. KENNEDY-MINOTT

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